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Missa Cantata At 8 O'Clock.

The Sunday Missa Cantata, usually scheduled for 9:00, will be celebrated at 8:00 this Sunday. The change is made to coincide with the Notre Dame Council K. of C. program honoring the Council's distinguished guests, Supreme Knight Swift, and other members of the Supreme Council.

The Knights will march in a body to the church, and will occupy pews off the center aisle. They will be first to receive Communion. All local Knights are expected to be present on this occasion. And you are requested to honor this arrangement.

The Season Of Advent

Sunday likewise will usher in the season of Advent -- a period marking the four thousand years wherein the world watched and waited for the coming of the Redeemer. The Mass suggests the advent of Christ by scanning the prophecies relating to Him, and by admonishing us to prepare worthily by prayer and penance for the Christmas cycle. The sermon assigned for this Sunday will touch upon the liturgy of this season.

Why Advent? Because the most tremendous event that was to transpire in all the history of the world is worthy of some consideration, more especially since it considered every one of us as individuals. The very people chosen by God to keep alive this awful revelation watched, and waited, and prayed, for four thousand years -- and then were caught napping -- completely unaware of the beauty unfolding before their very eyes. Christ came; but His own household ignored Him.

Lest we miss the real meaning of Christmas, the Church urges us with very good reason to put aside the distractions, and the frivolities of the world-- to meditate quietly on the profound implications of the Savior's birth. That's the reason for the season of Advent. And Christmas will mean something more to us than a shopping nightmare, if we detect the spiritual reason for the occasion. Something of the goodness of God, and His love for us may even penetrate our material outlook and existence -- if we make good use of the Advent season.

The Chapter On Sportsmanship

Tomorrow we close the book on another season of football. In this volume are recorded the fortunes of one of the most courageous groups ever to represent this household of Our Lady. Keep them in your Mass and Communion tomorrow.

Furthermore -- see that the chapter on good sportsmanship is not overlooked. That, of course, depends upon you. Already your attention has been called to some spotty pages -- pages that cheapened the Notre Dame Spirit because of the thoughtlessness of a very few. No victory is worth the price of a good name. Notre Dame is tops not only on the field, but also in the stands. Notre Dame is tops not only on the field, but also in the stands. Notre Dame athletes want no part of any following that is not a credit to their own good name.

We've had great teams before. We've had good, clean, gentlemanly support from the student body. That's the tradition that has been handed down to you. Cherish that heritage -- add something worthwhile to it tomorrow. Millions of people throughout this nation look to you for good example; don't let them down!

Novena Devotions tonight, 6:45 sharp, in Sacred Heart Church.